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6. (Amended) The device of claim 1 [as described in any one of claims 1 to 5] wherein the base sheet further comprises [comprise] a tab, suitable to wrap around a portion of the body adjacent to the selected skin surface, and adhere when the device is applied, thus providing a compression which increases the contact between the body surface and the at least one bead.
7. (Amended) The device of claim 1 [as described in any one of claims 1 to 5] wherein the selected skin surface portion of a human body is the tragus, said device further comprising a tab, suitable for adhering to the back of the tragus, and wherein the [an] orienting margin is shaped to correspond to the front of the tragus when the base sheet is placed on the selected body surface.
8. (Amended) The device [as described in] of claim 7 wherein the flexible base sheet comprises a synthetic polymeric film, synthetic polymeric fibers in a woven fabric, or natural fibers in a woven fabric; and wherein the at least one bead comprises iron, titanium, stainless steel, nickel, copper, tin, zinc, platinum, gold, or silver.
9. (Amended) The device of claim 1 [any one of claims 1 to 8] comprising two or more beads.
10. (Amended) The device of claim 1 [any one of claims 1 to 9] further comprising a release film.
11. (Amended) A kit of parts comprising the [a] device of claim 1 [as claimed in any one of claims 1 to 10], packaging material, and instructions for use in acupressure.

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03 15. (Amended) A method for applying pressure to one or more selected points on a selected skin surface portion of a human body comprising aligning an orienting margin of the [a] device of claim 1 [as defined in any one of claims 1 to 10] with a corresponding shape on or adjacent to said skin surface portion, conforming the shape of the device to the intended site of adhesion and causing adhesion of the device, wherein said adhesion of the device results in the application of pressure to said selected points.

16. (Amended) A method for correcting an energy flow imbalance in a human comprising applying the [a] device of claim 1 [as defined in any one of claims 1 to 10] to an acupressure point on the skin of said human.

17. (Amended) A method for producing an increased sense of well-being in a human comprising applying the [a] device of claim 1 [as defined in any one of claims 1 to 10] to a selected skin surface portion of said human.

18. (Amended) A method for treating a condition selected from headache, premenstrual syndrome, stress, anxiety, muscular-skeletal pains, allergies, nausea, pain, menstrual cramps, low back pain, dental analgesia and depression, in a human comprising applying the [a] device of claim 1 [as defined in any one of claims 1 to 10] to a selected skin surface portion of said human.

19. (Amended) A method for promoting weight loss in a human comprising applying the [a] device of claim 1 [as defined in any one of claims 1 to 10] to a selected skin surface portion of said human.

20. (Amended) A method for promoting smoking cessation in a human comprising applying the [a] device of claim 1 [as defined in any one of claims 1 to 10] to a selected skin surface portion of said human.